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ST.MAARTEN TO PAY TAX NEXT YEAR

WILLEMSTAD—
Starting January 1986 St. Maarten will pay 25 per cent of its income tax to the Treasury of the Central Government. During the course of this year an necessary preparations and train personnel for the department. The decision to let St. Maarten contribute financially was made during a recent meeting between Finance Minister Gilbert de Paula and the Lt. Governor of St. Maarten Mr. Ralph Richardson.

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DUTCH PARLIAMENT DELEGATION VISITED ARUBA THIS WEEK

ORANJESTAD—
A delegation of twelve dutch Parliamentarians arrived in Aruba Sunday. The visit is part of a current tour in the framework of the annual Parliamentary Contact Plan be-

tween the Netherlands Antilles and Holland. The group was headed by Dr. Willem de Kwaadsteniet President of the delegation. The Dutch lawmakers visited a number of projects, including the

3,500,000 guilder brand new Psychiatric Section of the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital. The com-

plex has still to be equipped and will be finished by the contractors on

March 31. The visitors also toured new projects of the Foundation for the Mentally Retarded the Agriculture, Cattle Breeding, and Fishery Department. Tuesday afternoon the delegation at-

tended an extraordinary session of the Aruba Island Council. The Parlia-

mentarians visited Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire and St. Maarten.



ORANJESTAD—Dr. Frans Hage, Director of the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital led the visiting Dutch Parliamentarians on a tour of the new Psychiatric Section of the Hospital.

Aruba Ports Authority To Take Over Two Lago Functions

ORANJESTAD—
As of April 1, 1985 the Aruba Ports Authority will take over piloting in the San Nicolas harbor,

A.P.A. General Director Mr. Chris van Krimpen said this week. Tugboat services will also be taken over by the A.P.A.

on the same date, he said. The A.P.A. is also negotiating a financial claim against Lago based on a letter of intent of July 1, 1982. The letter was obtained from Lago in connection with the use of A.P.A.'s tugboat "Andicuri". The claim is for NAfls. 2,379,751.

Aruba Site Of C.H.A. Marketplace 1986

ORANJESTAD—
Next January Aruba will be the site of the annual Caribbean Hotel Association Trade Fair, Marketplace 1986. It is expected that about 700 people, representing different sectors of the tourism industry from many of the Caribbean islands and countries around the world will at-

tend. During the latest convention in Jamaica last week, Deputy of Tourism, Efrain de Kort officially informed the participants of C.H.A. Marketplace 1985.

C.H.A. Marketplace '86 will be the first international event to be held in Aruba after Status Aparte.

UNIVERSITY OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES TO HOLD SYMPOSIUM ON OIL PROBLEM

WILLEMSTAD—
A symposium on the oil problem affecting the Shell refinery of Curacao and the Lago refinery of Aruba will be held in the University of the Nether-

lands Antilles on Friday Januari 25, and Saturday Januari 26. The symposium will be directed by Mr. Peter R. Odell, Adviser of Oil Affairs to the Netherlands Antilles Govern-

ment. Guest speakers will be Mr. Gustavo Coronel of Venezuela and Mr. Trevor Boopsingh of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Trinidad.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

A ROTTEN SYSTEM

We have often heard people complain about the inconvenience and the loss of time they encounter when having to pay their water, telephone, income tax and/or other bills at the Receivers Office in San Nicolas. But now that it is time to pay for the vehicle number plates the dilemma is even worse than usual. Irritated by the increase of the price of the number plate and discontented about the other drastic measures announced recently by the Government, the nerves of the people are on edge and they are very peevish these days. We were informed that last week when a man who was waiting in line for hours criticized the system of collecting he was told to "shut up". This was followed by a barrage of curses and insults between the tax payer and the public employee, with many of the other tax players in line joining in the dispute. It is a fact that much of the delay is caused by people who deposit their bills and then go away to do other errands before coming back to pay, but if the system was organized and coordinated more efficiently that would not have to happen. As a matter of fact, why must all the bills be paid at the same office, or since that is the case, why don't they put another employee to collect instead of only one? The system definitely calls for improvement. Obviously the austerity measures are also resting heavily on the minds of the civil servants, but if they are so now, how will they be later on when they have to contribute 10, 15 and 20 percent of their salary to the coffers of our Government?

Village Talk



by WILLY

A fella tell Willy dat dey don't cut de water bill so quick no more because dey kno' ef dey cut it yuh ain't goin tek it back.

We hearin' so much ting bouk Arabs dees days dat jus' now we goin' see camels walkin' in de street instead ah cars drivin.

Also some of our big shote loik Caruso Booi an' Fire Chief Brown

start worrying already dey saying dey wont get any Arab robes to fit deir bodies.

Dis carnival Willy goin' pick he 'own prins an' pancho. Prins "cabalago" an' Pancho "Consehero"

De macamba politishuns den tink dey smart but dey can't fool Willy. Dey come ouk here now because dey runnin' from de cold an' snow. Dey come to get some sunshoin.

Well de thieves dem gettin' more an' more bold face all de toim. Now de jerkin' way old lady bag an' throwin' dem dong.

Well people cud tink on things. A fella tell Willy dat when things was

goin good dey didn't want no udder party in de government but now dat everything turn old. mask is "whosoever will may come".

A joygriol tell Willy dat dey ain't electin' no carnival queen dis year because de causin' business too bad.

A fella ask Willy how come ef Lago 4 Sale how come dey ain't stick up a sign on de main-gate??

A fella tell Willy dat ef dey had to tek ouk 10 percent ah he salary he wud go home wid he envelope empty.

Willy hearin' so much ah ting deez days, now dey saying dat Wowo Garrido was going to be one of de deoutees in de new guvment.



Aruba government-to-be talks collapse as business, then labor, drops out

ORANJESTAD — The M.E.P.-initiated attempt to form a national island government (with participation of all three political parties and the island's business and labor factions) failed on the weekend with the final non-M.E.P. survivors to a week of talks—business and labor—walking out.

The island's business community representatives on the weekend walked out the M.E.P.-called sessions, saying M.E.P. leader Beticio Croes' condition prior to his tending his General Advisor resignation was unacceptable.

Non could M.E.P. reach an agreement with labor. The main stumbling block was over division of Commissioners between M.E.P. and labor in any new government.

The talks had originally included opposition P.P.A. Party but not A.V.P. Party, the latter demanding Croes resign from his much-disputed General Advisor to the resigned island government job before they would attend any government-forming talks. With A.V.P. out, P.P.A. also eventually dropped out, saying it did not see a national government possible without all parties.

Business had proposed on Friday Croes tend his resigna-

tion as General Advisor as a gesture to lure A.V.P. to the talks but Croes conditioned it, demanding a written guarantee from business that if, despite his resignation, A.V.P. and P.P.A. would not form part of the government, business would join the government anyway. "His condition created the

impression that he does not have confidence in us and that he wants a black-and-white guarantee from us as if we were a political party," business spokesman Milton Ponsen complained

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Netherlands Antilles Faces End Of Golden Age

By Observer

(The following article was taken from the Virgin Islands Daily News) A golden age of oil refineries and shipping has ended in the Netherlands Antilles raising concern over how the prosperous Caribbean Islands can avoid plunging into third-world poverty and social unrest.

For years, oil experts have warned that the island second most important source of income and foreign exchange after tourism-refining cheap Venezuelan crude into fuel oil for shipment to the U.S. marketplace was obsolete. Unemployment has increased to 20 percent of the population in Curacao and 9.4 percent in smaller, but wealthier Aruba as their refineries, once the world's largest, reduced production. Then in October this year the islanders' worst fears were realized when the Exxon Corp's Lago refinery on Aruba announced it would close down March 31, after 60 years as the tiny island's major employer.

Exxon said it could no longer make a profit without cut-rate crude oil from Venezuela. The nearby South American

country, itself in economic turmoil, ended its special prices to the refineries this year. This is the worst and most shocking news the present generation of Aruba has ever had to face. Nobody ever visualized Aruba without Lago, said Gilberto "Betic" Croes the political leader of Aruba. More than 1,500 employees and contract workers will be thrown out of work, along with thousands of others in support industries. Exxon's closure sent a wave of anxiety rippling across the short span of Caribbean Sea separating Aruba from neighboring Curacao, home of the Royal Dutch Shell refinery. The company has warned that if it does not get special tax and other concessions from the local government it might pull out too. "It's a permanent reversal for the islands", former Prime Minister Don Martina said in a recent interview.

Labor leaders representing the Lago refinery employees and contract workers warn of a "social explosion" unless new jobs are found in Aruba, an infertile rocky island with a population of 63,000

dependent on the refinery and tourism for a living. A spokesman of the Independent Oil Workers union of Aruba said, said the closure will immediately push unemployment on Aruba, now about 9 percent, to 25 percent and even higher as business built around Lago-banks, restaurants, hardware and marine stores go broke.

"I don't think people will start burning things, but they will protest. It could become very dangerous when families don't have any money to feed their children and nothing is done," the spokesman said.

Government officials in Willemstad, Curacao, the capital of the six-islands Netherlands Antilles, which is an autonomous parliamentary democracy within the kingdom of the Netherlands, are looking for alternative sources of employment and income. "The first blow, the most important effect of the closing down of Lago, is how to earn foreign exchange loss from that sector," said George Curiel, director of the government's Department for Development Corporation. "Our whole economy has grown based on the international (oil) market-it is not for that we would be very poor islands. You cannot import without foreign exchange" he said. The people of

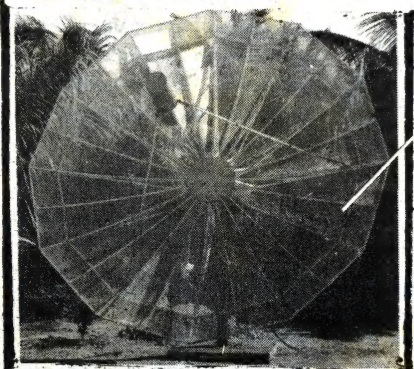
the Netherlands Antilles are accustomed to one of the highest standards of living in the Caribbean. The prosperity is evident everywhere, from the graceful arched bridge over the Willemstad Harbor to the new cars moving down narrow streets between freshly painted stores filled with electronic gadgets, French perfumes and imported fashion wear. But the economy is lopsided since little is produced or manufactured locally. Without oil and tourism dollars there would be no way to import foodstuffs and consumer goods. And tourism earnings dropped this year when a currency devaluation kept Venezuelans from traveling abroad.

A major economic prop is the development aid from Holland, more than \$50 million a year since 1976. Half of it has been spent on public utilities low-cost housing and schools.

Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters said she was banking on Holland's special interest in the kingdom to keep the Dutch-owned Shell refinery open on Curacao. "In spite of the over-capacity of refineries in the area and in the world, I still think that Shell has a fighting chance" she said. There is a move to have the service sector replace the petroleum sector as the major dollar earner by providing other countries with offshore banking, transportation and trade facilities. Some have suggested converting Curacao into a "silicon islands" as a center of in-

formation for the Caribbean and Latin America. The prime minister said in an interview that her central government would stimulate the creation of small businesses. The closure of Lago coincides with a critical moment in the islands' political history. Under an agreement reached with Holland and the five other Antillean islands, Aruba will get "separate status" on January 1, 1986, as the first step toward complete independence 10 years later. Under "separate status", Aruba will become an autonomous unit of the kingdom of the Netherlands with equal status as the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles, which will be reduced to five islands.

The prime minister must arrange for Aruba's departure, organize a central government of the five remaining islands-Curacao, Bonaire and the Windward Islands of St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba-and hold parliamentary elections. Croes leader of Aruba's separatist movement, said in an interview that there is no turning back from independence. Arubans have sought for years to escape the political domination of Curacao which, as a bigger island with a larger population has more votes in parliament and is the seat of central government. "Rich or poor, Aruba must separate from the rest of the Antilles," he said. But he warned that Exxon closing will be economically for Aruba.



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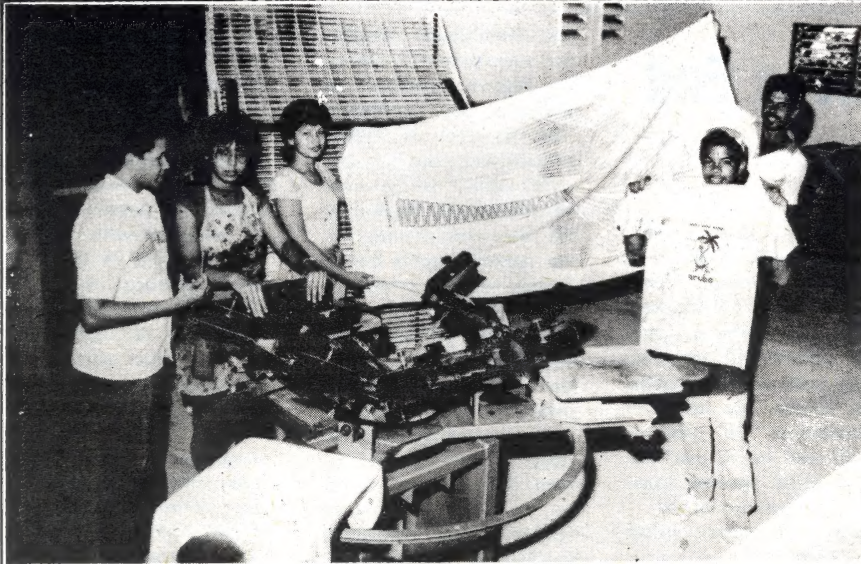
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Alberto Dijkhoff (center) received a gift from Mrs. Johnson, owner of the Edge's guest house. Mr. Dijkhoff found a jacket belonging to Mr. Davis, who was a guest of the Johnsons, on the beach and brought it to The Edge's. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. Davis has already left for Curacao and Trinidad, but the Johnsons were very pleased and said that such honesty is a very positive factor for tourism in Aruba. Mr. Rory Arends, acting director of the Tourism Office also recommended Mr. Dijkhoff on behalf of the Aruba Government for his honesty.

1985 CARNIVAL PROGRAM

Friday, January 18, at 7 p.m. Calypsonian and Roadmarch King Contest at Lago Sport Park, San Nicolas.

Saturday, January 19, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., Youth and District Queen Election, at Centro di bario Noord. Youth and district Queen Election Dakota at Cen-

tro di bario Dakota. Sunday, January 20, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Waltz Dance Contest at Pova Club.

Tuesday, January 22, at 8 p.m. Brass Band Jamboree Contest at Lago Sport Park. Saturday, January 26, Youth Queen Election Tanki Leendert and

show at R.C.A club followed by Jump Up from Tropical Field to Paradise Restaurant. Youth and district Queen and district Queen election Pos Chiquito at Kukwisa School from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. (we will continue to publish the Carnival activities from week to week in subsequent editions)

San Nicolas Bar Owners Dissatisfied About Carnival Route

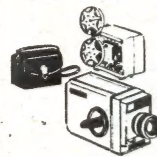
SAN NICOLAS — Despite the many protest and expressions of dissatisfaction by San Nicolas bar and rumshop owners last year about the carnival parade not passing on the San Nicolas Mainstreet, this year again they will be disappointed. Many people are complaining about the change in the route of the parade. They claim that the mainstreet is definitely more suitable and the environment has a better effect on the masqueraders and the music.

They are asking why not use the same route as the children's carnival. Instead of going down to the end of the Bernhardstraat, the route should have been; Pa-stoorhendriksstraat, Weg Seroe Pretoe, Bernhardstraat, Torenstraat, B.v.d. Veen Lagoweg, Bernhardstraat Dr. Schaepmanstraat, Pa-stoor Hendriksstraat. If the children's parade can pass on the San Nicolas mainstreet, why can't the adult parade? say the dissatisfied bar owners and carnival fans

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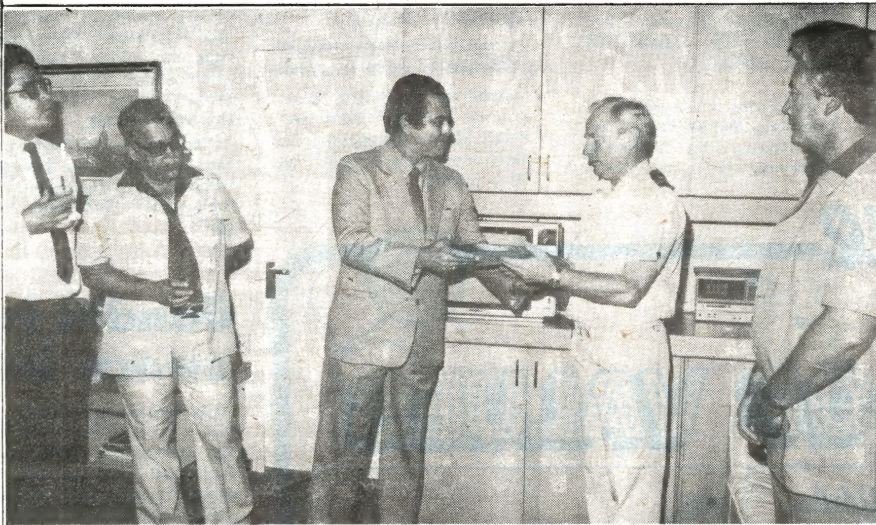
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Prins and Pancho of Aruba's Carnaval



L. to R. in above "THE LOCAL" photo are "Prins Hancra" (Kenneth van Putten) and "Pancho (John Brown) following their election at Club Caiquetio as Prins and Pancho of Aruba's 1985 Carnaval. The couple, elected from six entries, will lead Aruba's 31st Annual Carnaval celebration.



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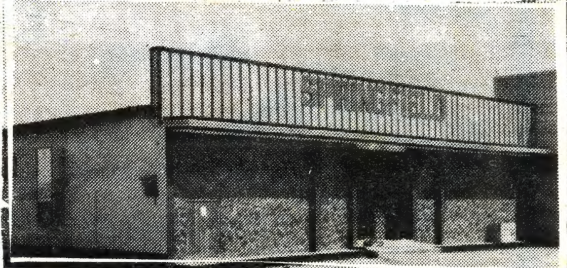
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President in 21 years, signaling the end of 21 years of military rule in the world's sixth-largest nation.

Amid a party atmosphere of fireworks, Samba bands, and folk-dancing, the 74-year-old opposition lawyer was chosen

to succeed Army General Joao Figueiredo in March.

Congressmen—who make up a 686-member electoral college—voted 480 to 180 for Neves, assuring him of victory over Paulo Maluf, running for the party supporting the outgoing junta regime.

"This is like the birth of a child, a miracle of nature. Today, the people have come back into politics," said opposition leader Ulisses Guimarães as voting started in the Congress building.

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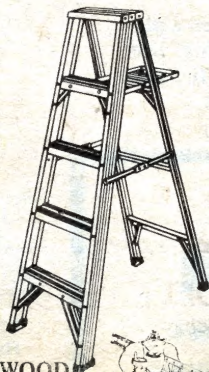


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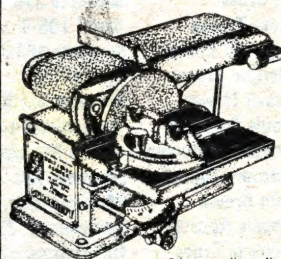


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Gandhi is sworn in

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In the elections last month, Gandhi's Congress I Party accounted for an unprecedented 401 seats in the country's powerful lower house of Parliament, while opposition parties filled only 107 seats.

Gandhi, son of slain Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was sworn in to thunderous applause from fellow party members and delivered a 50-minute speech.

He also made an apparent reference to India's relationship with the Soviet Union, which has come to India's aid during three wars with Pakistan whom the United States has been arming for years.

He said India wants "friendship with all nations, but we will keep in view the countries which have helped us in the past and on those on whom we can rely."

New York City has record number of weddings

NEW YORK CITY (UPI) — The city set a romance record last year with the most marriages ever performed by city officials.

A spokesman for city clerk David Dinkins said yesterday there were 36,270 marriages performed by city officials in 1984—a new record.

The old record, set in 1983, was 34,553.

There was also an increase in the number of marriage licenses issued by the city—76,343. It was not quite up to the old record, set in 1970, of 76,919 but it is tied for the number two spot with 1973, said spokesman Steve Presberg.

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Calypso, Roadmarch Contest Date Changed

SAN NICOLAS—The date of the Calypso and Roadmarch King Contest has been changed from Friday, January 18, to Wednesday, January 23. A total of 8 bands and 14 calypsonians will participate in the contest, featuring: Sumedad H., with Tito Flores; La Nueva Fuerza, with Lord Boxoe Triple S, with Lord Papi-

and Mighty Bridge; Sen sacion del Caribe, with 2 calypsonians; Vibracion 74, with Lord Kincho and Pincher; S. United, with Mighty Reds and Mighty Cliffy; P.P. Brass, with king Surpriser; Time, with Kaiso Teddy, Singing Olivia and Mighty Talent. The contest will be at the Lago Sport Park in San Nicolas.



Lord Boxoe:

A.L.M. Canceled Flight To Jamaica On Tuesday

WILLEMSTAD—The A.L.M. airline canceled its scheduled flight to Kingston, Jamaica due to widespread demonstrations against the government of that island. The airline was informed by its representatives that

the road leading to the Palisidoes airport was blocked by demonstrators protesting against a hike in the price of gasoline and propane gas. The demonstrators placed barricades across roads and set automobile tyres on fire.

Quality of Time You Share With Your Mate Is What Counts, Not the Quantity

It's the quality — not the quantity — of time that couples share which can keep marriages together, say experts.

"Quality time is time that's spent building a rela-

tionship. It's time spent interacting with each other, sharing emotional activities," explained psychologist Richard Samuels.

Here are expert tips on how you can make time with your partner quality time.

- Touch each other a lot. "Touching offers emotional, as well as physical, contact," said Dr. Samuels.

- "If you're home together working on chores, reach out from time to time and touch each other.

- "A touch says, 'I'm there for you. I am still in contact with you.'" Dr. Samuels continued.

- Share as many experiences as possible.

- "Cook meals together, work in the garden, paint a room, put up some wallpaper, work on a do-it-yourself project — these are some ex-

- experiences that are potentially very rewarding," said Dr. Samuels.

- Change your routine. Go to new places, visit new friends, enjoy new activities. They will give you and your partner something new to share, said Dr. Anthony Pietropinto, director of mental health at the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

- Go places where you won't be interrupted. "Maybe you can take a ferry ride together or drive to the top of a mountain. The more remote it is, the more you'll talk and interact," said Dr. Pietropinto.

- Become an active TV watcher. "When you watch a TV show, discuss it. Talk about what the show meant to you, how you related to it, what you were thinking," suggested Dr. Samuels.

- Flirt and kiss a lot. It will bring you closer together — and you don't have to end up in bed. Just share time being close, said Dr. Pietropinto.

- Make your sexual time together quality time by sharing your sexual fantasies, suggested Dr. Samuels. You'll be sharing your deepest thoughts with your partner, which will bring you closer together.

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Martin Luther King's birthday being celebrated



ATLANTA, Georgia (UPI) — The widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said yesterday the establishment of her husband's birthday as a national holiday gives the United States an opportunity for a glorious celebration by both blacks and whites.

Coretta Scott King spoke on the eve of King's 56th birthday celebration at installation ceremonies for members of the Martin Luther King Junior Federal Holiday Commission.

Mrs. King said the federal holiday, which will be on the third Monday in January starting next year, will be an opportunity to "mobilize a glorious celebration that will ring out across our nation."

She told several hundred people attending the ceremony, including a number of school children, that the holiday

"should not be just a black holiday. It is a holiday for all Americans."

"I want all Americans to fly the American flag on January 20, 1986. Martin Luther King was truly a patriot who marched under the colors of his country."

The 31 commission members were sworn in at the King Center for non-violent social change adjacent to Ebenezer Baptist church where King served as pastor and where his crypt is located.

Earlier, Mrs. King told an Atlanta gathering that civil disobedience and other forms

of resistance may be needed to end the cycle of poverty, hunger and racism throughout the world.

"Let us revive the non-violent revolution," she said. "It will require that we question established values, that we question the strange and frightening vision that says we must spend millions on star wars weapons."

King, who would have been 56 years old Tuesday, was assassinated on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel in 1968.

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Using birth-control pill means more clinic visits

WASHINGTON — Single women use family planning services more often than married ones, but the difference stems from the method of contraception they use rather than their rate of sexual activity, a study by the National Center for Health Statistics says. Marjorie C. Horn and William D. Mosher of the Center's Division of Vital Statistics studied sexually active women, ages 15-44, who visited family planning clinics in 1982. Never-married women averaged 1,227 visits per 1,000 women, compared with 1,020 per 1,000 wives and 973 per 1,000 for women who were widowed, divorced or separated. Younger women are more likely to use birth-control pills, which require regular checkups to renew the prescription and to check for side effects, explains Mosher. For wives and previously married women, their most common choice of birth control, sterilization, requires fewer follow-up visits to doctors.

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SURINAME'S CRISIS CABINET PRAISED

PARAMARIBO—Outgoing Prime Minister Wim Udenhout considers the concept of the National Assemblée that will replace his 10-month government as its principal achievement because it opens the door from even tual "participating" democracy". Udenhout made the statement in a television speech to the nation, in which he outlined the achievements of the 'crisis' cabinet installed last February by Commander in Chief Desi Bouterse. The prime minister listed other achievements of his government, the ending of military press censorship, the establishment of a National Institute for Human Rights and admitting into the country representatives of the Commissions on Human Rights of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. He said that while the cabinet had been unable to resolve the nation's

economic problems, chiefly because of the worldwide recession and the loss of some \$ 100 million a year in Dutch development aid, some progress has been made. He mentioned as examples improvements in tax collections, the limiting of foreign exchange transactions to basic needs, and the continuing of ongoing construction projects and instigation of new ones, such as a 500-unit low-cost housing project. Dutch aid to the former colony was suspended in December 1982, after the military killed 15 prominent residents. Udenhout said Suriname had left nothing undone in an effort to improve relations with the Hague, but that

"concrete and positive results" had not been achieved. But he said, the government was hoping that talks would begin shortly, "inspired by an altered attitude" on the part of the Netherlands. The Dutch government, which has conditioned resumption of development aid on the restoration of democratic government in Suriname, said recently the National Assembly that will take over this month did not fulfill that requirement. While the United States has not re-

sumed its modest \$1.5 million annual aid to Suriname, also suspended after the 1982 slayings, Udenhout said relations

with that country were "healthy and are developing in a positive direction". He said efforts to find al-

ternative sources of financing with agencies such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank had not yet had tangible results. But a \$6-mil-



lion grant has been received from the European Development Fund for

three projects, two-thirds of it in the form of aid and one-third as a low interest loan. Udenhout praised the nation's "revolutionary leadership", which he said proved tactful and accessible to dialogue."

ST. KITTS GETS LOAN FOR ENERGY PROPOSAL

BASSETERRE—The Caribbean Development Bank has granted a 2.2 million dollar loan to the St. Kitts Sugar Manufacturing Corp. to produce energy from sugar cane waste. A corporation spokesman said the energy produced will be fed into the na-

tional grid system, and may help the nation cut down on oil imports to generate electricity. The lone sugar mill has been using some of the bagasse, the dried shredded residue left after the cane is cut and ground, to produce energy but most of the waste product

has been being dumped. The corporation spokesman said that once the project is in operation, the sugar mill will save the cost of disposing of the bagasse and earn income by selling some of the energy produced to the local power company.

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Prime Minister to Visit Windward Islands

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tius and Saba, starting on Monday, January 21. This will be the first visit of the prime minister to the Windward Islands of the

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Biggest Mistakes Women Make With Their Husbands

... And How to Avoid Them

Women sometimes make big mistakes with their husbands that can put a strain on their marriage — but by following a few tips they can overcome these problems, say two experts.

Here are the biggest errors, and how to correct them:

● **Being too available.**
You lose your appeal to your husband when you become a doormat who constantly bows to his every whim — for example, rushing to put new ice cubes in his

drink when he snaps his fingers.

The solution is simple — stop catering to your spouse's every wish.

Let him learn to find the ice cube tray himself, or get his own cup of coffee.

And get involved in your own activities instead of sitting around the house waiting on him.

● **Giving too much.**
If you're constantly giving, this also will make you less interesting to him.

It's fine to surprise your spouse with an occasional gift — but doing it frequently takes away the thrill, and you lose appeal in his eyes.

● **Being too dependent.**
The worst impression you can give your mate is that there is nothing else in your life but him.

That makes him the sole source for all your interests and activi-

ties, and this puts an incredible strain on a relationship.

To remedy this, develop outside activities all your own, such as getting involved in volunteer work. This will free both you and your mate to live more creative and more satisfying lives.

● **Not taking a "time out" every day.**

Don't burden your husband with the stress you've built up during the day. If you're a homemaker, take a 15-minute break before he comes home.

You might, for instance, go for a leisurely walk and let yourself unwind.

If you have an outside job, take a 15-minute break before you go home. Stop at a coffee shop and read a newspaper while enjoying a cup of tea.

● **Not asking for what you need.**
If you wait for your mate to read your mind, you could be in for a long wait. Instead, candidly tell him what you want, or what you'd like to do.

For example, the next time he asks you to choose a movie or restaurant, don't say, "I don't care, it's up to you." Instead, make a choice. Don't deny your own preferences.

● **Taking everything he does personally.**

For instance, if your spouse is late you might get upset and think: "If he really loved me, he'd be on time." But think again: You yourself probably have been late before for an appointment with a friend, and the fact that you weren't on time didn't mean you didn't value and respect that friend.

Mates are entitled to get annoyed with each other's behavior — but things will get less distorted if you don't always take it personally.

● **Not accepting your spouse as he is.**

Instead of seeing a husband as a "package deal" in which the wife takes the bad with the good, she sometimes tends to criticize his bad points. This behavior just leads to conflict.

Whenever you find yourself criticizing your mate, stop and remind yourself of his good points.

Perhaps, for example, your husband is not the neatest person in the world, but he is devoted to his family.

More violence on French island

NOUMEA, New Caledonia — (UPI) — Riot police today remained on standby as the troubled French Pacific territory of New Caledonia began returning to normal following two days of violence that has left three people dead.

French government envoy Edgar Pisani declared a "State of Emergency" Saturday and imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew after the most violent incidents in two months of clashes between mainly white French loyalists and native

Melanesian separatists, or "Kanakks."

In the latest violence, a 17-year-old white youth died Friday in a clash with "Kanakks" on his father's farm, and hard-line separatist leader Eloi Machoro and his deputy, Marcel Nonaro, were killed in a gun battle with police the next day.

Machoro was Interior Minister of the self-proclaimed Provisional Government of the Kanak Socialist Liberation Front, a coalition of four pro-independence parties.

Train crash claims 400

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — A passenger train wreck has killed more than 400 passengers and injured 500 into a deep ravine in Ethiopia's worst train crash, officials said late Monday.

They said the train was derailed Sunday morning 90 miles east of Addis Ababa, on a line that recently has carried emergency food aid from overseas to Ethiopia's drought victims. Because of the distance and poor communications, few details are yet known.

A number of cars came uncoupled from the locomotive and flew off the line, spilling passengers into a deep ravine,

diplomats in the Ethiopia capital contacted by telephone here report.

Ethiopia railroad officials say over 400 people are dead and more than 500 injured.

The derailment came on the line linking Addis Ababa to the French Red Sea colony of Djibouti. The 500-mile (800-km.) railroad is an essential link to the Red Sea, and is run jointly by the two countries.

Ethiopia leader Mengistu Haile Mariam and officials have claimed in the past that the line has been the target of attacks by anti-government guerrillas.

Prince Andrew returning to the Falklands

LONDON, England (UPI) — Prince Andrew, who flew helicopter missions in the 1982 Falklands war against Argentina, will return soon to the British Islands in the South Atlantic on a Naval patrol mission, the Defense Ministry said.

A spokesman said Andrew, 24, will be sailing "sometime next week" for a five-month tour of duty patrolling the

Falklands aboard the Frigate H.M.S. Brazen.

The spokesman declined to give the exact date of departure for Queen Elizabeth II's second son but two ships are to leave Britain Monday to relieve three ships on duty around the Falklands.

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darkness. Satan is under the judgement of God. He is the prince of darkness. In the book of John, chapter 3:17 Jesus said "God sent not his son to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved."

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on the weekend.

"His condition was unacceptable; our point of view remains that all political parties must be in the government, not only one," Ponsón said, adding that under these circumstances they, too, walked out of the talks.

He also charged the "Aruba political parties are letting partisan interests prevail over general interests."

With opposition parties and business out, M.E.P. had remained at the table only with labor representatives, who, from the start, had stated their willingness to join any government but on an equal basis.

"By equal basis, we mean on all levels, including division of the six Commissioners posts," labor spokesman Rafael Halley explained

Halley said that discussions over Commissioners had labor demanding three for each side with M.E.P. proposing five for it and only one for labor. Next M.E.P. proposed four Commissioners for itself, one for labor, and a sixth to be named based on an agreement between labor and M.E.P. With labor on Saturday holding to its demand, Halley reports, Croes then lured labor to first discuss a government program, then continue to discuss a Commissioner division.

"Croes wanted us to negotiate and sign a government program, which would have implicated us without having proof of equality on all levels," Halley says.

He says labor feels it can ask for equality, since it has 22,000 of Aruba's 29,000 workers behind it—"more than the M.E.P. has in voters.

"If we are to join a government that is expected to take far-reaching measures against workers, there must be equalness."

M.E.P., holding a 12-seat majority in the 21-seat Aruba Island Council, is now again meeting by itself to form a government. The previous M.E.P. government had resigned Christmas Eve on instructions of Croes during a debate in the Council on the M.E.P. belt-tightening austerity measures which have proved unpopular.

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